

# RICHARD CROKER'S "FATHER" BROWN, FATHER OF THE YEAR, TRIED TO SLAY ALL THE FAMILY.

Peace and Good Will to All Men, Even the Wig-wam's Foes.

## LEADER'S LAY SERMON.

Lesson of Yuletide Expounded in the Great Sachem's Greeting to New York.

## JOY IN RANSOMED ISLANDS.

Expansion of Liberty a Cause for Both Americans and Spain's "Wig-wam's Foes."

This Year.

(From the Tammany Times.) Christmas knows no climate. The benign influence of the sacred season, with its kind thoughts, liberal charity, and general benevolence, extends from the frozen north of the Arctic regions to the tropics. It is the joyous season when the memory of every wrong and sorrow in the world around us should be active for good. The celebration of Christmas in New York, like its population, is cosmopolitan in its character. Our festivities are a blending of the peculiar customs of the sturdy Dutch who settled New Amsterdam with the immigrants from England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany and other foreign nationalities, who make up the olla podrida of our population.

As Americans we have special reason to feel happy. None are happier than those who do good to their fellow men. Thanks to the heroism of our army and navy, the American people have been able to make to the tortured and down-trodden Cubans a Christmas present, the like of which no people ever gave another in the history of the world. To the surviving victims of Spanish cruelty and their descendants henceforth and forever, not only in Cuba, but also in the other emancipated colonies, Christmas will have a joyous significance it never had before.

The real meaning of Christmas in these latter days must be the nearest possible approach to the extension by every human heart of the love taught us by Him whose natal day we celebrate. When that peaceful presence first permeated the earth those gathered around the Teacher looked for a continuation of the old order, with a wonderful addition. They had ten commandments—their duties to God and to man. It was as simple as the life it typified, as great as the personality it expressed. It has been our creed ever since. "Love one another." In that spirit, and in obedience to that Divine commandment, we extend to every human being the heartiest wish for all the good that can come.

To all our citizens, of every kind and degree, Tammany extends a hearty greeting. To every one within the borders of our municipality, whether resident or visitor, our most cordial welcome. We offer the fitting compliments of the season; and, expressing in the words familiar and dear to every man and woman in the land, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," we wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

*Richard Croker*  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
**TAKEN AS A DEFAULTER.**

Lammerts, Accused of Misappropriating \$47,000, Arrested at Niagara Falls—Removal Asked.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 19.—County Treasurer Lammerts, of Niagara County, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with the defalcation of public money amounting to \$47,000.

The warrant was issued at Lockport by County Judge Charles Hickey and brought here by Sheriff John Kenney. Colonel Byrd, agent of the Maryland Fidelity and Trust Company, who on Lammerts's bond for \$75,000, swore to the complaint, which was drawn under a felony clause of the code.

Charges have been forwarded to the Governor, with a request for Lammerts's removal by a committee of the Board of Supervisors, which investigated his accounts.



Colonel Ingersoll's \$250 Watch.

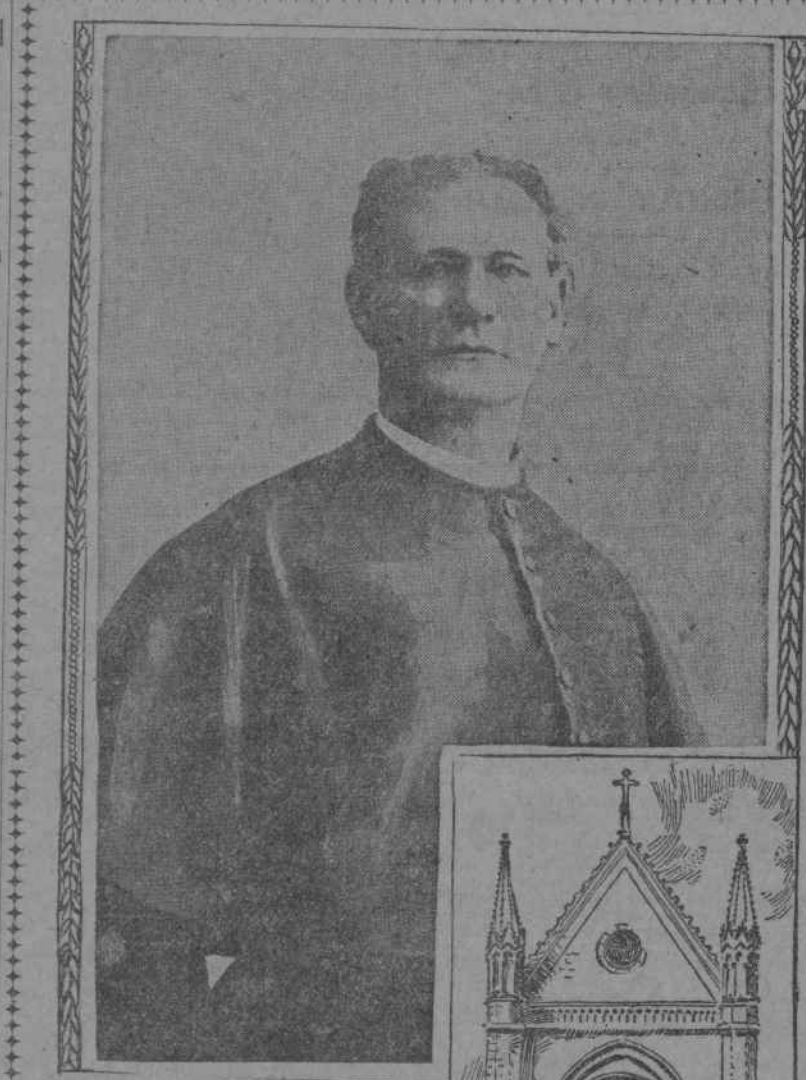
Which Was Stolen.

It was a lucky thief who selected Colonel Ingersoll's \$250 watch as a victim. The watch, which was valued at \$250, which he has carried for many years, was stolen from his waistcoat. They had just observed their way through the crowd in front of the Metropolitan Opera House after the matinee on last Saturday.

"That's so," said the Colonel, perfectly unconcerned, "some one has stolen my watch. I hope it will do the thief some good."

"Will you prosecute the thief if he is arrested?" Colonel Ingersoll was asked. "I have not given the matter any thought. I have been carrying the watch for a long time and suppose it is now some one else's turn to wear it. I don't expect to see it again."

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Father Brown Dies of Pneumonia.

Pneumonia Strikes Down the Apostle of "High Church" Worship.

## DEATH COMES SUDDENLY.

Rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin Visited the Poor After His Seizure.

## BODY WILL LIE BEFORE ALTAR.

Remarkable Career of a Churchman Who Built Up a Home of Extreme Ritualism in Spite of Opposition.

The beautiful Church of St. Mary the Virgin, noted as the cradle of high ritualism in this country, has lost its rector. Fred to the end by the zeal which had enabled him to sweep aside the prejudices of his fellow churchmen, the Rev. Thomas McKee Brown—Father Brown, his parishioners called him—refused to allow pneumonia to keep him from the work of his beloved church. And now pneumonia has removed him forever.

It was while attending a meeting of a guild of the church last Tuesday that the indefatigable clergyman had the foundation of his last illness. Throat trouble, a long session he sat in a draught, and when he returned to his home at No. 144 West Forty-second street, he was called through and through. His condition was such next morning that his wife entreated him to surrender himself to the care of a physician. But the rector made light of his illness and sallied forth to fulfil a tedious round of parish duties, chiefly among the poor in the tenements.

**Stricken with Pneumonia.**  
There was no choice before him when Thursday dawned. Weakness and fever compelled him to remain in bed. Dr. Janvrit found that he had a well developed case of pneumonia, the exclamation of his intellect and bodily vigor, and only ten days after the services celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the church, was more grievous to the patient than the pains of sickness.

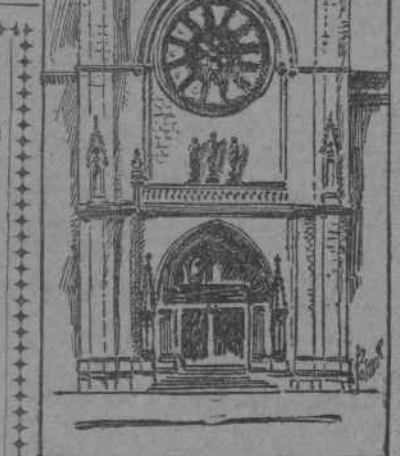
Some times the minister's exclamation of his intellect and bodily vigor, and only ten days after the services celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the church, was more grievous to the patient than the pains of sickness. He lay in bed, his face pale, his eyes closed, and his hands clasped in prayer. He died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when only Mrs. Brown remained at his bedside, he passed away.

**Doctors Gave Up Hope.**  
At nightfall the doctors gave up their last hope. Mrs. Brown and the rector's son, Thomas, waited for the end, sustained by the presence of the dying man's most devoted friends and adherents. His intellect remained perfectly clear, and he appeared to derive keen spiritual pleasure from partaking of the last sacrament. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when only Mrs. Brown remained at his bedside, he passed away.

So far as such an active mind permits itself to look upon any work as being consummated, Father Brown's life work reached its consummation three years ago, when his new church, running from Forty-sixth to Forty-seventh street, between Broadway and West Street, was dedicated by Bishop Potter. This event was the most notable one in the career of the rector. He had been the pastor of St. Mary the Virgin since 1880, and he had reared an edifice of the most delicate medieval beauty—a church after his own heart, equipped with most elaborate and precious accessories of worship. In this itself was a great joy to the pastor, but what chiefly interested him was the triumph, through his labors, of an idea.

**Life Devoted to an Idea.**  
It was to the ritualistic idea that he had devoted his life. Born in Philadelphia in 1841, he became while yet a student a devotee of the more ancient forms of Christian worship. This belief of his he put into practice in a measure during his life. He was the first to introduce the use of incense in the services of St. Luke's Church, Father Brown, but it was not until he came to New York in 1870 and founded the Church of St. Mary the Virgin that he gave full expression to his preference.

The innovations introduced by him provoked a storm of criticism and opposition. He was charged with "Romanism," church papers ridiculed him, prelates frowned upon him. But such was the pastor's conviction that he was right that he was not deterred by those who had no approval or spare for ritual church practices. Bishop Doane, for example, looked with a kindly eye upon St. Mary's, although he had been known to refuse to confirm applicants from that other seat of "Romanism," St. Ignace's, in West Forty-seventh street.



Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

sealous labor Father Brown became a power among the ecclesiastics of the city. It was not that he was the only Puritan in the Protestant Episcopal Church; but he was the most successful. He had the gift of the word, and he was a man of letters. His sermons were not only eloquent but also beautiful. He was a man of letters, and his sermons were not only eloquent but also beautiful. He was a man of letters, and his sermons were not only eloquent but also beautiful.

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Water Pouring in, the Crew Toiled for Forty-two Hours at the Pumps.

## MAST TORN OUT BY GALE.

Schooner Robin Hood Stands By in a Wild Sea and Sends Boats to Rescue.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 19.—The schooner Robin Hood, Captain Victor Sampson, arrived here this morning having on board Captain John Mason and the crew of the barge San Diego, bound from Buffalo, N. Y., for New York, via Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence River, which was abandoned at sea and set on fire December 17. The barge, which left Port Hawkesbury, November 25, in tow of the steamer Aragon, parted her hawser in the great storm of November 27. She reached La Hare under her own sail, but leaking badly, where the Aragon found her while repairing.

Another start was made on December 12, but three days later, when off Shelburne, N. S., at midnight, the steamer and her tow struck a northwest gale. The barge rolled frightfully, the water constantly covering her. The waves carried away her mast, breaking the stanchion and smashing her steering apparatus.

Then the condenser of the Aragon blew out, and she was forced to let go the San Diego and make for Boston.

The barge soon opened her seams and for forty-two hours the crew struggled at the pumps for their lives. On Saturday morning the Robin Hood saw the barge's distress signals and putting by her, rescued those on board. Her deck was put on edge and the transfer effected in a heavy sea. After taking off the exhausted crew, Captain Sampson set fire to the abandoned craft.

These were saved: Captain John Mason, Buffalo, N. Y.; stewardess, Miss Mary Mason, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. Charles H. Mason, Detroit; Joseph Mason, son of the captain; Paul Dupuy, Detroit; Henry King, Detroit.

## THE VAGARIES OF PHONETICS.

Odd Experiment in Spelling Words as They Sound.

Spell plique, catalogue, pathists, and a few other words of like character, and you will not wonder that foreigners have so much trouble in learning English. Owing to silent letters and letters having several different sounds, English is said to be the most difficult of all modern languages to spell. For this reason school children in this country are being taught a spelling reform, but they are not very successful.

People learn how to spell when they are children, and they don't like to change still, there are many people who now write "tho," catalogue "catolog," "clit" will be a novel.

Here is a little verse to show how queer our language would look if all the words were spelled out as they sound:

Clumping up a yelo stick;  
He skat did yelo part off,  
He yad him deth in the well stock  
Dit hinhim too is silent now  
Dit hinhim too is silent now  
Sins hq will die.

It is the opinion of former Governor Roswell P. Flower that an underground road is a feasible project. He was so constructed as to work perfectly," he said. "It could be made dry and light and well ventilated. The charter for the road was granted by the city in 1882, and the road was built in 1883. It was a road for the use of the city, and it was a road for the use of the city. It was a road for the use of the city, and it was a road for the use of the city.

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Rapid Transit Commissioners Insist on Involving the City.

## OUTCOME IS IN DOUBT.

Commission Demands the Right to Have Road Built by Municipal Government.

If an underground road is to be built in this city it must be built by private capital. The city authorities will pledge themselves to afford a private company all of the facilities possible for carrying on the work; but they will antagonize any method that may leave open a door for throwing the responsibility of the work on the city. Howard Croker, speaking for Tammany Hall, has made this clear. Mayor Van Wyck and Comptroller Coker are of the same mind.

The Rapid Transit Commissioners are aware of this situation. Yet in face of it they have directed their counsel to draw an amendment to the existing rapid transit law giving them the right to proceed with their plans and authorizing either a private corporation or the municipality to bear the cost.

A Republican lawyer, thoroughly acquainted with the question and who is in the confidence of the political leaders, said yesterday that such a bill could not pass the Legislature.

"If it did pass," he said, "it would be vetoed by Mayor Van Wyck. If it was passed over the Mayor's veto Governor Roosevelt would kill it for he has explicitly stated in private conversations that the city should be left out of the matter entirely as to making it impossible for any power to drag it in."

Unless the Rapid Transit Commissioners change their point and consent to the elimination of the city from the proposed increase, real rapid transit will be delayed another year at least.

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Address on the Box of Poison Written by Her Hand, He Says.

## TELLS OF THEIR ORGIES.

Murdered Woman's Husband Confesses Boon Companionship with Her Alleged Slayer.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—It was the strong climax of a painful day in the trial of Mrs. Botkin for the murder of John P. Dunning, wife by poisoned candy sent by him, when the District Attorney put to Dunning the vital question, "Do you know in whose handwriting is the address on this label, directed to 'Mrs. John Dunning, Dover, Del.?' " And the solemn answer came, "I believe it was written by Mrs. Botkin."

The same question as to the handwriting of the anonymous letters received by his unhappy wife last summer brought the same answer, damning because Dunning had received dozens of letters from Mrs. Botkin, and is intimately acquainted with the characteristics of her handwriting.

The proceedings had almost the solemnity of a funeral service from the time that the first simple formal question concerning his murdered wife was put to the witness— "Did you know Mary Elizabeth Dunning, a human being, in her lifetime?" Plainly his evidence was given under the pressure of full stress, as one who finds himself confronted before the eyes of a multitude with all the harsh Shakespearean "Coriolanus" predicted to the consummation "Boanerges." Again, she was divorced from her husband and Dunning was the wicked cause. She was a poor weak woman at his mercy, but she had an independent income all the way from England.

Her husband says she was born in Missouri, and so far from being divorced, she refused to permit him to get a separation for the unromantic reason that she did not want to be left without a home, seeing Mrs. Botkin every day.

The day's evidence commenced with Elizabeth Kent, a reporter, on the stand. Mrs. Livernash was detailed to interview Mrs. Botkin at Heidelberg, when the accused was in seclusion at the time of the murder. When told that she was suspected, the woman had exclaimed: "Why should I be suspected? It would have been better to have killed the man and spared the mother to her child."

"Witness said the prisoner had spoken of some letters in connection with the case, and had asked her whether handwriting experts could identify the writing of a person laboring under great excitement."

On another occasion, while Mrs. Livernash was with Mrs. Botkin in Stockholm, and so far from being divorced, she was in a state of intoxication and made remarks concerning her mother's relations with Dunning. Mrs. Botkin turned to Mrs. Livernash, saying: "What shall I do? My son has the insolence to damn me."

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Young Steam Fitter Fired at His Mother and Two Other Persons.

## THEN KILLED HIMSELF.

All Because His Brother-in-Law Wanted to Live in Decency.

After attempting the murder of three persons last evening, but only succeeding in wounding one, William Elmendorf, a young steam fitter, employed by the Richardson & Morgan Company, in William street, shot and killed himself.

The shooting took place in the home of his mother, at No. 330 West Forty-fifth street, and disclosed a most amazing state of domestic affairs.

Although Elmendorf had a wife living in Brooklyn, as was well known to his relatives, he brought another woman, a Miss Cook, to live in his mother's house, where his sister and her husband, a Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Riel, also made their home. Elmendorf was arrested six weeks ago for failure to pay alimony to his wife, and was sent to Blackwell's Island for a month.

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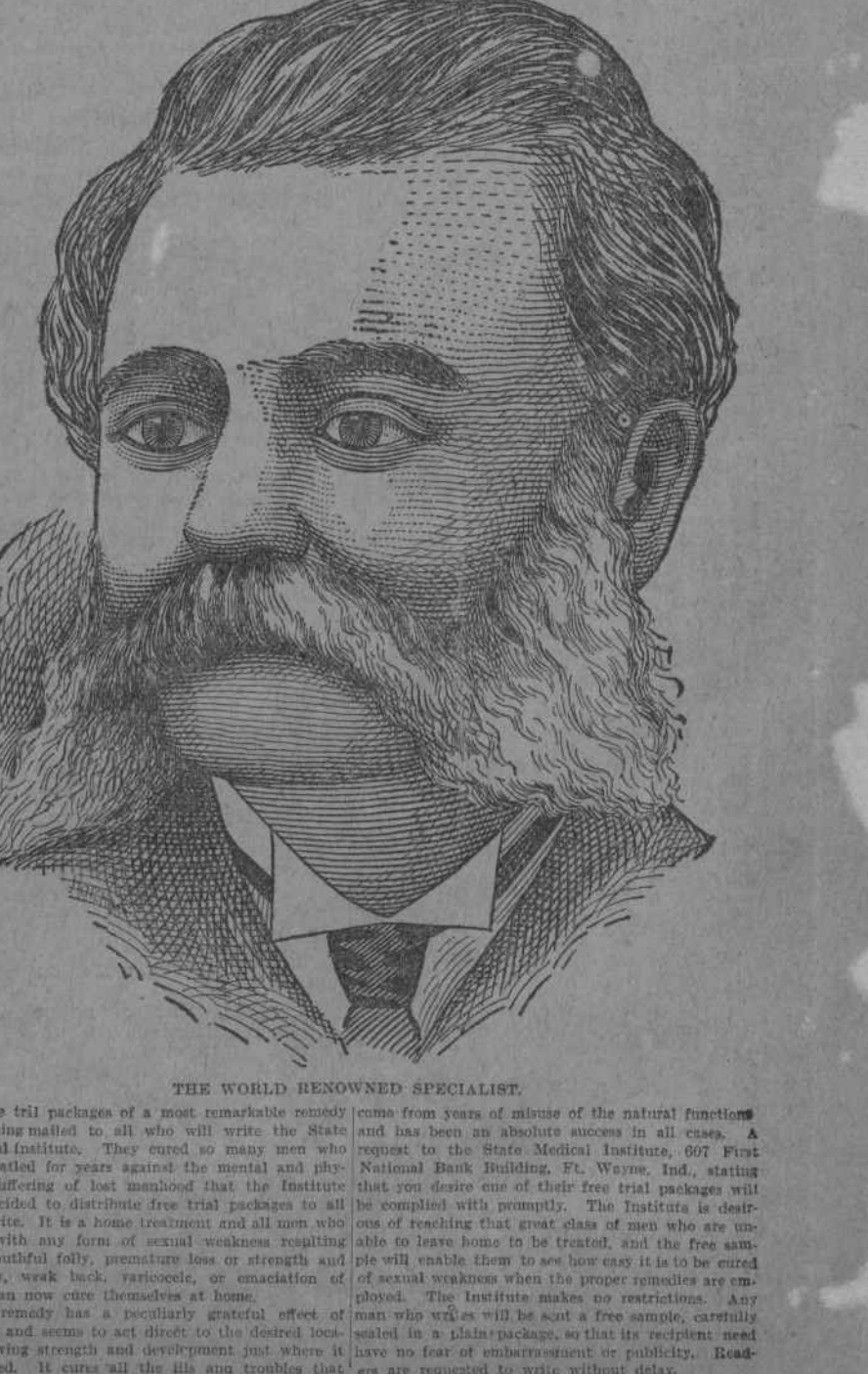
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